

THE GREAT PLAGUE.

A CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE DEATH ROLL IN ITALIAN CITIES.

The disease in Spain and France--The war in the East--The French Admiral repairs his fleet--Preparation for the czar's journey--The meeting of the emperors.

Rome, Sept. 5.--An advocate and public official of Campobasso named Biddi, who fled to Rome from his cholera stricken city, has become insane through fear of the cholera. A royal decree has been issued, suspending from official duties all prefects and syndics who have instituted arbitrary local measures against the cholera, or have even permitted such measures to be instituted. The pope has sent \$2,000 to Naples to be distributed among the sufferers in that city. The populace of Naples are now exciting themselves with the absurd suspicion that the archbishop is in complicity with the physicians to poison them.

The official bulletin showing the ravages of the disease throughout Italy for the past twenty-four hours is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Naples (province)	113	36
Genoa (province)	22	14
Cuneo (province)	22	14
Parma	1	1
Carrara	1	1
Bergamo	0	10
Cremora	2	0
Campobasso	1	1
Avellino	1	1
Frosino	1	1
Concordia	1	1

The epidemic still continues most severe in the city of Naples, where there were 136 fresh cases and 53 deaths, and at Spezia, province of Genoa, where there were 52 fresh cases and 14 deaths.

Prime Minister Depretis has gone to Monza, near Milan, to receive instructions regarding King Humbert's contemplated visit to Naples.

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The French Admiral repairs his ships--Why Kelung was bombarded.

PARIS, Sept. 5.--The government declares that the French fleet is again shelling Kelung.

Mr. Lemaire, the French consul at Shanghai, has been appointed minister resident at Hilo, the capital of Anam. It is believed that Admiral Courbet, with his fleet, is near Hainan, out of the track of passing vessels, and that he is engaged in making such repairs to his ships as the engagements at Kelung and Foo Chow have rendered necessary.

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La Liberté says that Admiral Courbet, when re-enforced, may blockade the Gulf of Pateh.

Disputes from Honori say affairs at the delta of the Red river are in a tranquil condition, and that the French positions are well defended.

The Journal des Debats is publishing a series of articles in which the French naval system is subjected to merciless criticism. The writer declares that the French fleet is totally inefficient for a great war.

Berlin, Sept. 5.--The Deutsche Montagsblatt denies that any special epidemic cordons have been entered into by the French for the protection of German trading vessels in China. It states that Germany shares the advantages of the common entente cordiale, and that all the maritime powers in China are to protect Europeans of whatever nationality.

Plotters Against the Czar Arrested.

WARSAW, Sept. 5.--Sixty-four persons suspected of plotting against the czar have been arrested. A number of women are included among them. The police have ordered that all warehouses, shops, and taverns shall be closed at 10 o'clock each night during the czar's visit.

The French title to Porto Novo.

PARIS, Sept. 5.--The Temps asserts that Porto Novo, west Africa, has been a French possession for twenty years. A detachment of French troops was recently sent there, and it was that gave rise to the report that the place had just been annexed.

The Church of Scotland.

EDINBURGH, Sept. 5.--Mr. Gladstone had a private conference to-day with ministers of the Free Church of Scotland. He promised them that if a distinct majority of the Scotch members returned to the house of commons at the next election were pledged to disestablish the church of Scotland the government would carry out the popular will.

SOME BLOODY DEEDS.

A HOTEL PROPRIETOR SHOTS A SERVING WOMAN AND HERSELF.

A Jealous Lover Murders His Sweetheart--A Kentonian Kills a Neighbor and His Own Brother-in-Law--A Son Shoots His Father--Other Murders.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 5.--Thomas J. Libby, proprietor of the West Point house at Prout's Neck, Scarborough, about 30 years of age, and married, came to the city hotel here at 11 o'clock last night with Lydia Snow, of Pine Point, who is a domestic servant at his house. This morning four shots were heard from his room. On looking over the door both were seen to be lying on the floor. Word was telephoned to the station house and an officer appeared and entered the room, when it was found that Libby had fired two or three shots at the girl, one of which passed through her left chest and lodged in her head; another passed through the partition into the next room, where the victim was found. He then shot himself between the ear, but the bullet glanced, apparently inflicting only a slight wound. He was arrested and taken to the station house in a closed state of mind, with no evidence of having been drinking. Both were found fully dressed. The woman is said to be unmarried, and between 20 and 30 years of age. She was a native of Maine, and was employed as a domestic servant at the house of a wealthy family. She was summoned to the room, and on opening the door the woman said, "Take that revolver away from him, he is going to shoot me." She then fled to the next room, where she was found lying on the floor. The girl was found with a bullet wound in her head, and she died shortly after.

PARIS, Sept. 5.--It is reported that Mr. Morton, the United States minister at Paris, has, with the knowledge of the prime minister, returned to the government at Washington, that the time is opportune for American mediation between France and China.

Calling a Duke Hard Names.

DUBLIN, Sept. 5.--The Irishman, in referring to the Duke of Edinburgh's recent visit to Dublin harbor, calls that royal person "a fiddling old Georgian race," and the "embodiment of all Ireland's abhorers."

To Wind Up the Monarch Line.

LONDON, Sept. 5.--A petition has been presented to the court for an order to wind up the Monarch Line Steamship company. Shares of the nominal value of 50 are quoted at 10 shillings.

Ill Feeling Against England.

PARIS, Sept. 5.--The irritation of the French press against England is spreading. A French newspaper, called the Anti-Anglo, is selling in large numbers on the boulevards.

SECRETARY FOLGER'S DEATH.

The Formal Announcement Made--Preparations for the Funeral--Actions of the State.

Acting Secretary of State Davis received a telegram from the President yesterday morning directing that an executive order be issued formally announcing the death of Secretary Folger.

The secretary of state yesterday addressed the following letter to the other members of the cabinet:

"With deep regret I announce to you that the Honorable Charles J. Folger, secretary of the treasury of the United States, yesterday died at his home in Geneva, Switzerland, of cholera, at the age of 41 years."

"This has closed the life of a distinguished and respected citizen, who by his services as an executive officer of the United States and as a legislator and jurist, has won for himself the esteem and regard of his countrymen."

"The President directs that all departments of the executive branch of the government throughout the United States the national flag shall be draped in mourning and displayed at half-mast."

A telegram to Acting Secretary Connelley, dated yesterday, says that he was conscious to within ten minutes of his death. He dictated letters before he died and read his will on the morning of the day of his death.

At a meeting of the chiefs of the various bureaus of the treasury department yesterday, Comptroller Lawrence, Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Folger, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Neale were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. at his late residence in Geneva.

A Fever Epidemic in Maryland.

ELKTON, Md., Sept. 5.--There have been about twenty-five cases of fever in this place since the first of the week, the disease taking the form of an epidemic, and puzzling the local physicians, some calling it typhoid and others malarial fever. Dr. Chancellor, of the state board of health, examining the cases yesterday, and says he thinks the disease malarial in its nature. He has found no cause for typhoid fever, if any ever existed here, but thinks that the malarial fever may have been owing to the June freshets which deposited large quantities of mud on the meadows along the creek. There have been no deaths so far.

They Couldn't Be Idle Finerly.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.--The second congressional democratic convention (Congressman Finerty's district) met to-day, and after several names had been placed before the body an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock to secure pledges from those named to support the democratic ticket, state and national. Congressman Finerty, who has the independent nomination, declined to take the pledge, and when the convention reassembled Alderman Frank Lawler was nominated.

FREE FOR THEMSELVES.

And Some Restraints Suggested for the Thoughts of Other People.

CARSDALE, N. Y., Sept. 5.--The attendance at the Free Thinkers' convention to-day was good. Miss Helen H. Gardner, of New York, spoke on the subject, "Men, Women, and Gods." She showed that she was thoroughly permeated with the views entertained by Infidelity.

Prof. John Remsburg, of Kansas, spoke on "Bible Morals," contending that they were anything but moral. Ex-Liberty, Charles H. Davis, of Rochester, spoke on "Salvation from a Free-thought Standpoint."

In the evening there was an M. D. Benoit memorial service at which addresses were made by Samuel R. Parnham, of New York; J. H. Burnham, of Saginaw, Mich.; W. T. Bell, of Chicago; President S. L. Brown, of Birmingham; John E. Remsburg, of Kansas; and Charles B. Reynolds, of Rochester, N. Y. The meetings of the convention close on Sunday evening. The following resolutions were presented by Hon. S. B. Read, of New York, and were unanimously passed to-day:

First. We reaffirm the declaration in favor of universal liberty, with the statement of George Washington in the treaty of the United States with Tripoli, that this government is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion, we reiterate the same declaration, and we demand that churches and other ecclesiastical bodies shall not be exempt from taxation.

Second. We demand that the employment of religious tests in the navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums, and all institutions supported by public money, shall be discontinued.

Third. We demand that the public appropriation of a sectarian character shall cease.

Fourth. We demand that all religious institutions shall be prohibited from the use of the Bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly for the purpose of instruction or for the purpose of religious worship.

Fifth. We demand that the appointment by the president of the various states of all religious faiths in the courts and in all other departments of the government shall be discontinued.

Sixth. We demand that the judicial oath in the courts and in all other departments of the government shall be discontinued.

Seventh. We demand that the enforcement of Christian morality shall be discontinued.

Eighth. We demand that the enforcement of the requirements of natural morality, equal rights, and impartial liberty.

Ninth. We demand that the constitution of the United States and of the several states, but also in the practical administration of the government, shall be so interpreted as to secure to every citizen the full enjoyment of his rights, and that no privilege or advantage shall be conceded to Christianity or any other religion.

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THE VOTE OF VERMONT.

Complete Returns Give the Republican Candidate 21,413 Majority--The Losses of Both Parties.

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IN THE CATSKILLS.

A REFRESHING SPOT AFTER A HOT DAY IN NEW YORK.

Some Natural Scenery Worth Looking At, and Some Manufactured to Order and Exhibited for a Price--The Kind of People Who Enjoy It--Some Observations on Thrift.

HAINES FALLS HOUSE, HAINES FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 3.--If you wish to know what aberrations the feminine mind is capable of as to dress in New York in midsummer. Of course "everyone is out of town," and "the city is empty." It is not so, nevertheless there are teeming multitudes of women in Fourth and Twentieth streets, and if you walk up Broadway between 9 and 10 in the morning you meet apparently the same stream of extremely nice looking men that you do in the winter, the accurately fitting clothes and well built figures looking not in the least wilted, though the thermometer is performing such acrobatic feats up among the nineties.

Their mothers and wives and sisters are undoubtedly out of town though, for there are not at all the kind of looking women you see. They are all evidently just in from the country, and in a hurry to finish their shopping and catch the train. It is one of the few pasting, springing, agonizing hot days that have come to us this summer, a day when the one absorbing, engrossing topic of conversation is the weather; when all the beer saloon men are seated at their doors in glaringly white shirt sleeves with large palm-leaf fans when you cross reluctantly to the sunny side of the street, feeling your head swim in the dizzy, blinding glare, and are encouraged by hearing one man mention to another that there have already been twenty strokes to-day; when there is a little crowd collected round every place where a thermometer is exhibited, and men go on their way apparently somewhat cheered by observing to what dizzy heights the mercury has climbed; when you see a man in a white shirt and tie, serving how largely it is flavored with the honest sweat of the man who draws it, and you see a man in a white shirt and tie, serving how largely it is flavored with the honest sweat of the man who draws it, and you see a man in a white shirt and tie, serving how